


INVITATION TO BID STATE OF LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING				BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">JUL 26, 2011 10:00 AM</div> PURCHASING AGENCY NO. : 107001	
=====> VENDOR NO. : SOLICITATION : 2245547 FILE NO. : S12421X OPENING DATE : 07/26/11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"></div>		SEE NO. 8 BELOW. RETURN BID TO <div style="text-align: right;">10:00 AM</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 2245547 07/26/11 S12421X </div> OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING POST OFFICE BOX 94095 BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9095 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> BUYER : THOMAS POLITZ BUYER PHONE : (225) 342-8035 DATE ISSUED : 06/29/11 REQ. AGENCY : 160234 AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY </div> <div>FOLD HERE--></div> </div> <div> AGENCY REQ. NO. : ISIS REQ. NO. : 1340347 VENDOR PHONE : FISCAL YEAR : 12 CLASS/SUBCLASS : 96459 SCHEDULED BEGIN DATE : 00/00/00 SCHEDULED END DATE : 00/00/00 T-NUMBER : </div>			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 80px; margin: 10px 0;"></div> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">FILL IN VENDOR NUMBER (FEIN), NAME AND ADDRESS ABOVE, BEFORE SUBMITTING BID.</p>					
<i>LABOR FOR PINE CONE PICKING</i>					
TO BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR					
1. _____ PLEASE REMOVE FROM THIS COMMODITY CODE. 2. _____ DELIVERY WILL BE MADE IN THIS NUMBER OF DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER. 3. _____ % CASH DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT IF MADE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS. CASH DISCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS OR LESS THAN 1% WILL BE ACCEPTED, BUT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING AWARDS. ON INDEFINITE QUANTITY TERM CONTRACTS, CASH DISCOUNTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND TAKEN BUT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING AWARDS. 4. _____ BID BOND ATTACHED, _____ CERTIFIED CHECK ATTACHED, _____ OTHER, IF REQUIRED. 5. _____ BID REFERENCE NUMBER. (THIS NUMBER WILL APPEAR ON RESULTING ORDER OR CONTRACT).					
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS					
1. READ THE ENTIRE BID, INCLUDING ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS. 2. ALL BID PRICES MUST BE TYPED OR WRITTEN IN INK. ANY CORRECTIONS, ERASURES OR OTHER FORMS OF ALTERATION TO UNIT PRICES SHOULD BE INITIALED BY THE BIDDER. 3. THIS BID IS TO BE MANUALLY SIGNED IN INK. FOLD HERE--> 4. BID PRICES SHALL INCLUDE DELIVERY OF ALL ITEMS F.O.B. DESTINATION OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. BIDS CONTAINING "PAYMENT IN ADVANCE" OR "C.O.D" REQUIREMENTS MAY BE REJECTED. PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF PROPERLY EXECUTED INVOICE OR DELIVERY, WHICHEVER IS LATER. 5. AMOUNT OF BID BOND REQUIRED: _____ N/A _____ . 6. AMOUNT OF PERFORMANCE BOND, IF REQUIRED. _____ OR _____ 0% _____ OF BID. 7. DESIRED DELIVERY: _____ 8. TO ASSURE CONSIDERATION OF YOUR BID, ALL BIDS AND ADDENDA SHOULD BE RETURNED IN AN ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE BID OPENING DATE AND THE BID NUMBER, OR SUBMITTED IN THE SPECIAL ENVELOPE IF FURNISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 9. BIDS SUBMITTED ARE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO L.R.S. 39:1551-1736; PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS; EXECUTIVE ORDERS; STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS; SPECIAL CONDITIONS; AND SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THIS SOLICITATION. 10. IMPORTANT: BY SIGNING THE BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES COMPLIANCE WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER CERTIFIES THAT THIS BID IS MADE WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD. THIS BID IS TO BE MANUALLY SIGNED IN INK BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR (SEE NO.30). ALL BID INFORMATION SHALL BE MADE WITH INK OR TYPEWRITTEN.					
VENDOR PHONE NUMBER: FAX NUMBER:		TITLE		DATE	
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED BIDDER - SEE NO. 30, PAGE 3. (MUST BE SIGNED)			NAME OF BIDDER (TYPED OR PRINTED)		

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<p>11 ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BUYER AT THE PHONE AND ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE.</p> <p>12. CONFERENCE: NA NA NA</p> <p>13. BID FORMS. ALL WRITTEN BIDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR, MUST BE SUBMITTED ON, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH, FORMS PROVIDED, PROPERLY SIGNED (SEE NO. 30). BIDS SUBMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED: A. BID CONTAINS NO SIGNATURE INDICATING INTENT TO BE BOUND; B. BID FILLED OUT IN PENCIL; AND C. BID NOT SUBMITTED ON THE STATE'S STANDARD FORMS.</p> <p>BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION PRIOR TO BID OPENING TIME IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED. TELEGRAPHIC AND FAX ALTERATIONS TO BIDS RECEIVED BEFORE BID OPENING TIME WILL BE CONSIDERED PROVIDED FORMAL BID AND WRITTEN ALTERATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND TIME-STAMPED BEFORE BID OPENING TIME. ENTIRE BID SHOULD BE RETURNED, EXCEPT ITEM PAGES NOT BID.</p> <p>14. STANDARDS OF QUALITY. ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE BID SHALL CONFORM TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND THE SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SOLICITATION. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION, ANY MANUFACTURER'S NAME, TRADE NAME, BRAND NAME, OR CATALOG NUMBER USED IN THE SPECIFICATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIBING THE STANDARD OF QUALITY, PERFORMANCE, AND CHARACTERISTICS DESIRED AND IS NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT COMPETITION. BIDDER MUST SPECIFY THE BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER OF THE PRODUCT OFFERED IN HIS BID. BIDS NOT SPECIFYING BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS OFFERING THE EXACT PRODUCTS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</p> <p>15. DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION. BIDDERS PROPOSING AN EQUIVALENT BRAND OR MODEL SHOULD SUBMIT WITH THE BID INFORMATION (SUCH AS ILLUSTRATIONS, DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE, TECHNICAL DATA) SUFFICIENT FOR STATE OF LOUISIANA TO EVALUATE QUALITY, SUITABILITY, AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS IN THE SOLICITATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE BID TO BE REJECTED. ANY CHANGE MADE TO A MANUFACTURER'S PUBLISHED SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR A PRODUCT SHALL BE VERIFIABLE BY THE MANUFACTURER. IF ITEM(S) BID DO NOT FULLY COMPLY WITH SPECIFICATIONS (INCLUDING BRAND AND/OR PRODUCT NUMBER), BIDDER MUST STATE IN WHAT RESPECT ITEM(S) DEVIATE. FAILURE TO NOTE EXCEPTIONS ON THE BID FORM WILL NOT RELIEVE THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S) FROM SUPPLYING THE ACTUAL PRODUCTS REQUESTED.</p> <p>16. BID OPENING. BIDDERS MAY ATTEND THE BID OPENING, BUT NO INFORMATION OR OPINIONS CONCERNING THE ULTIMATE CONTRACT AWARD WILL BE GIVEN AT THE BID OPENING OR DURING THE EVALUATION PROCESS. BIDS MAY BE EXAMINED WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER BID OPENING. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO COMPLETED FILES MAY BE SECURED BY VISITING THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS. WRITTEN BID TABULATIONS WILL NOT BE FURNISHED.</p> <p>17. AWARDS. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AWARD ITEMS SEPARATELY, GROUPED OR ON AN ALL-OR-NONE BASIS AND TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES.</p> <p>18. PRICES . UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA IN THE SOLICITATION, BID PRICES MUST BE COMPLETE, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION PREPAID BY BIDDER TO DESTINATION AND FIRM FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS. IF ACCEPTED, PRICES MUST BE FIRM FOR THE CONTRACTUAL PERIOD. BIDS OTHER THAN F.O.B. DESTINATION MAY BE REJECTED. PRICES SHOULD BE QUOTED IN THE UNIT (EACH, BOX, CASE, ETC.) AS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</p> <p>19. DELIVERIES. BIDS MAY BE REJECTED IF THE DELIVERY TIME INDICATED IS LONGER THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</p> <p>20. TAXES. VENDOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCLUDING ALL APPLICABLE TAXES IN THE BID PRICE. STATE AGENCIES ARE EXEMPT FROM ALL STATE AND LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES.</p>			

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<p>21. NEW PRODUCTS.</p> <p>UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR IN THE SOLICITATION, ALL PRODUCTS FOR PURCHASE MUST BE NEW, NEVER PREVIOUSLY USED, AND THE CURRENT MODEL AND/OR PACKAGING. NO REMANUFACTURED, DEMONSTRATOR, USED OR IRREGULAR PRODUCT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PURCHASE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION. THE MANUFACTURER'S STANDARD WARRANTY WILL APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</p> <p>22. CONTRACT RENEWALS.</p> <p>UPON AGREEMENT OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AGENCY AND THE CONTRACTOR, A TERM CONTRACT MAY BE EXTENDED FOR 2 ADDITIONAL 12-MONTH PERIODS AT THE SAME PRICES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS. IN SUCH CASES, THE TOTAL CONTRACT TERM CANNOT EXCEED 36 MONTHS.</p> <p>23. CONTRACT CANCELLATION.</p> <p>THE STATE OF LOUISIANA HAS THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY CONTRACT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS, FOR CAUSE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING: (1) FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT; (2) FAILURE OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS, CONFORM TO SAMPLE QUALITY OR TO BE DELIVERED IN GOOD CONDITION; (3) MISREPRESENTATION BY THE CONTRACTOR; (4) FRAUD, COLLUSION, CONSPIRACY OR OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS OF OBTAINING ANY CONTRACT WITH THE STATE; (5) CONFLICT OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS WITH CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW; (6) ANY OTHER BREACH OF CONTRACT.</p> <p>24. DEFAULT OF CONTRACTOR.</p> <p>FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE BID WILL CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT AND MAY CAUSE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT. WHERE THE STATE HAS DETERMINED THE CONTRACTOR TO BE IN DEFAULT, THE STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE ANY OR ALL PRODUCTS OR SERVICES COVERED BY THE CONTRACT ON THE OPEN MARKET AND TO CHARGE THE CONTRACTOR WITH COST IN EXCESS OF THE CONTRACT PRICE. UNTIL SUCH ASSESSED CHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID, NO SUBSEQUENT BID FROM THE DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR WILL BE CONSIDERED.</p> <p>25. ORDER OF PRIORITY.</p> <p>IN THE EVENT THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR STANDARD CONDITIONS AND THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS, THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS SHALL GOVERN.</p> <p>26. APPLICABLE LAW.</p> <p>ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.</p> <p>27. COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS.</p> <p>BY SUBMITTING AND SIGNING THIS BID, BIDDER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING AS APPLICABLE: TITLE VI AND VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED BY THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1972, FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246, FEDERAL REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AS AMENDED, THE VETERAN'S READJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974, TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972, THE AGE ACT OF 1975, AND BIDDER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990. BIDDER AGREES NOT TO DISCRIMINATE IN ITS EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, AND WILL RENDER SERVICES UNDER ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, VETERAN STATUS, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, OR DISABILITIES. ANY ACT OF DISCRIMINATION COMMITTED BY BIDDER, OR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS WHEN APPLICABLE, SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION.</p> <p>28. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION.</p> <p>ANY "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY" AS DEFINED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WHO HAS SUBMITTED A BID AND DESIRES TO ATTEND THE BID OPENING, MUST NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING DATE OF THEIR NEED FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS. IF THE REQUEST CANNOT BE REASONABLY PROVIDED, THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE INFORMED PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING.</p> <p>29. INDEMNITY.</p> <p>CONTRACTOR AGREES, UPON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF A CLAIM OR ACTION, TO DEFEND THE CLAIM OR ACTION, OR TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURE, TO INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS, THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS AND ACTIONS FOR BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. CONTRACTOR IS OBLIGATED TO INDEMNIFY ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE NO OBLIGATION AS SET FORTH ABOVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY CLAIM OR ACTION FROM BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE FAULT OF THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS OR ITS EMPLOYEES.</p>			

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<p>*****</p> <p>30. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY ATTENTION: R.S. 39:1594(C)(4) REQUIRES EVIDENCE OF AUTHORITY TO SIGN AND SUBMIT BIDS TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA. YOU MUST INDICATE WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO THE SIGNER OF THIS BID.</p> <p>PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:</p> <p>1. THE SIGNER OF THIS BID IS EITHER A CORPORATE OFFICER WHO IS LISTED ON THE MOST CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT ON FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR A MEMBER OF A PARTNERSHIP OR PARTNERSHIP IN COMMENDAM AS REFLECTED IN THE MOST CURRENT PARTNERSHIP RECORDS ON FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. A COPY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OR PARTNERSHIP RECORD MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE BEFORE CONTRACT AWARD.</p> <p>2. THE SIGNER OF THE BID IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BIDDER AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT THIS BID AS EVIDENCED BY THE CORPORATE RESOLUTION OR CERTIFICATION AS TO CORPORATE PRINCIPAL. IF THIS APPLIES A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION OR CERTIFICATION MUST BE ATTACHED HERETO.</p> <p>3. THE BIDDER HAS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AN AFFIDAVIT OR RESOLUTION OR OTHER ACKNOWLEDGED/AUTHENTIC DOCUMENT INDICATING THAT THE SIGNER IS AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT BIDS FOR PUBLIC CONTRACTS. A COPY OF THE APPLICABLE DOCUMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE BEFORE CONTRACT AWARD.</p> <p>4. THE SIGNER OF THE BID HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE BIDDER AS AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT BIDS ON THE BIDDER'S VENDOR REGISTRATION ON FILE WITH THIS OFFICE.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>31. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF R.S. 39:2182, IN AWARDED CONTRACTS AFTER AUGUST 15, 2010, ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IS AUTHORIZED TO REJECT A PROPOSAL OR BID FROM, OR NOT AWARD THE CONTRACT TO, A BUSINESS IN WHICH ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF FIVE PERCENT OR MORE, HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF, OR HAS ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO ANY STATE FELONY OR EQUIVALENT FEDERAL FELONY CRIME COMMITTED IN THE SOLICITATION OR EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT OR BID AWARDED UNDER LAWS GOVERNING PUBLIC CONTRACTS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 38 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, PROFESSIONAL, PERSONAL, CONSULTING, AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROCUREMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 16 OF THIS TITLE, OR THE LOUISIANA PROCUREMENT CODE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 17 OF THIS TITLE.</p> <p>*****</p>			

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<p>1 BID DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS FOR STATE PURCHASING:</p> <p>BIDDERS ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE DOES NOT MAKE DELIVERIES TO OUR PHYSICAL LOCATION.</p> <p>BIDS MAY BE MAILED THROUGH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE TO OUR BOX AT: OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING P O BOX 94095 BATON ROUGE LA 70804-9095</p> <p>BIDS MAY BE DELIVERED BY HAND OR COURIER SERVICE TO OUR PHYSICAL LOCATION AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING CLAIBORNE BUILDING, SUITE 2-160 1201 NORTH THIRD STREET BATON ROUGE, LA 70802</p> <p>BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ITS COURIER SERVICE PROVIDER MAKES INSIDE DELIVERIES TO OUR PHYSICAL LOCATION. THE OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DELAYS CAUSED BY THE BIDDER'S CHOSEN MEANS OF BID DELIVERY.</p> <p>BIDDER SHOULD BE AWARE OF SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLAIBORNE BUILDING AND ALLOW TIME TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND PRESENTED WITH A TEMPORARY IDENTIFICATION BADGE.</p> <p>BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TIMELY DELIVERY OF ITS BID. FAILURE TO MEET THE BID OPENING DATE & TIME SHALL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE BID.</p> <p>***** PUBLICIZING AWARDS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH L.A.C.34:I.535, UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE AWARD PROVIDED THAT THEY SUBMIT WITH THEIR BID A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE REQUESTING THIS INFORMATION. *****</p> <p>**ATTENTION:**</p> <p>RECEIPT OF A SOLICITATION OR AWARD CANNOT BE RELIED UPON AS AN ASSURANCE OF RECEIVING FUTURE SOLICITATIONS. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUTURE SOLICITATIONS/AWARDS FROM THIS OFFICE, YOU MUST ENROLL IN THE PROPER CATEGORY ON LAPAC AT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE: HTTP://WWWPRD.DOA.LOUISIANA.GOV/OSP/LAPAC/PUBMAIN.ASP ENROLLMENT IN LAPAC IS FREE AND PROVIDES EMAIL NOTIFICATION OF BID OPPORTUNITIES BASED UPON COMMODITIES THAT YOU SELECT.</p> <p>2 COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS. BY SUBMITTING AND SIGNING THIS SOLICITATION, THE BIDDER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING AS APPLICABLE: TITLE VI AND TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED BY THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1972, FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246, THE FEDERAL REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AS AMENDED, THE VIETNAM ERA VETERAN'S READJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE ACT OF</p>			

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1974, TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972, THE AGE ACT OF 1975, AND BIDDER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990. BIDDER AGREES NOT TO DISCRIMINATE IN ITS EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, AND WILL RENDER SERVICES UNDER ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION, WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, VETERAN STATUS, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, OR DISABILITIES. ANY ACT OF DISCRIMINATION COMMITTED BY BIDDER, OR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS WHEN APPLICABLE, SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION.

3 CANCELLATION
 THE STATE OF LOUISIANA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS CONTRACT WITH THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE.

4 CERTIFICATION OF NO SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT. BY SIGNING AND SUBMITTING ANY BID FOR \$25,000 OR MORE, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES THAT THEIR COMPANY, ANY SUBCONTRACTORS, OR PRINCIPALS ARE NOT SUSPENDED OR DEBARRED BY THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS IN OMB CIRCULAR A-133.

A LIST OF PARTIES WHO HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED OR DEBARRED CAN BE VIEWED VIA THE INTERNET AT WWW.EPLS.GOV

5 SCOPE OF CONTRACT

SUBMITTAL OF ANY TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTRARY TO THOSE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA MAY CAUSE YOUR BID TO BE REJECTED. BY SIGNING BELOW, TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH MAY BE INCLUDED IN YOUR BID ARE NULLIFIED, AND CONTRACTOR AGREES THAT THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

 BIDDER SIGNATURE

6 COMPENSATION INSURANCE, PUBLIC LIABILITY, AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE, AS OUTLINED BELOW, ARE REQUIRED IN THIS BID.

CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE:

PROOF OF INSURANCE SHOULD BE SUPPLIED WITH THE BID AND WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE WORK CAN COMMENCE.

INSURANCE COVERAGE SPECIFIED BELOW SHALL BE FURNISHED WITH THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM LIMITS:

COMPENSATION INSURANCE: THE CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTORS SHALL TAKE AND MAINTAIN DURING THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR ALL OF THEIR EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED AT THE SITE OF THE PROJECT. IN CASE ANY CLASS OF EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN HAZARDOUS WORK UNDER THE WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION STATUTE, THE CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEIR EMPLOYEES NOT OTHERWISE PROTECTED.

PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE: COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC

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<p>GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BODILY INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY, PRODUCTS LIABILITY, COMPLETED OPERATIONS AND OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY WITH COMBINED SINGLE LIMITS OF \$500,000 PER OCCURRENCE WITH A MINIMUM AGGREGATE OF \$1,000,000.</p> <p>LICENSED AND NON-LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES: THE CONTRACTOR SHALL TAKE OUT AND MAINTAIN DURING THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT, AUTOMOBILE PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN COMBINED SINGLE LIMITS OF \$500,000 PER OCCURRENCE FOR BODILY INJURY/PROPERTY DAMAGE. IF ANY NON-LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES ARE ENGAGED IN OPERATIONS WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ON THE SITE OF THE WORK TO PERFORM THEREUNDER, SUCH INSURANCE SHALL COVER THE USE OF ALL SUCH MOTOR VEHICLES ENGAGED IN OPERATING WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ON THE SITE OF THE WORK TO BE PERFORMED THEREUNDER, UNLESS SUCH COVERAGE IS INCLUDED IN THE INSURANCE SPECIFIED.</p> <p>7 THE ABOVE QUANTITIES ARE ESTIMATED TO BE THE AMOUNT NEEDED. IN THE EVENT A GREATER OR LESSER QUANTITY IS NEEDED, THE RIGHT IS RESERVED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO INCREASE OR DECREASE THE AMOUNT, AT THE UNIT PRICE STATED IN THE BID.</p> <p>8 AT THE OPTION OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND ACCEPTANCE BY THE CONTRACTOR, THIS CONTRACT MAY BE EXTENDED FOR TWO ADDITIONAL TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIODS AT THE SAME PRICE, TERMS AND CONDITIONS. TOTAL CONTRACT TIME MAY NOT EXCEED THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS.</p>			

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00001	<p>UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE SHIP TO: AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY OFFICE OF FORESTRY ANNEX KIRBYVILLE , TX 75956</p> <p>COMMODITY CODE: 964-59-000000</p> <p>VENDOR TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT LABOR FOR PINE CONE PICKING FROM TREES AT BEAUREGARD SEED ORCHARD ANNEX LOCATED AT KIRBYVILLE, TEXAS, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 90 ACRES.</p> <p>PICKING TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 15, 2011. ACTUAL DATES TO BE DETERMINED BY FORMAN BRAD CLOSE BASED ON CONE MATURITY. PICKING WILL CEASE AS CONES BEGIN TO OPEN - TO BE DETERMINED BY FOREMAN BRAD CLOSE.</p> <p>VENDOR WILL PROVIDE HIS OWN LIFT, EQUIPMENT, AND MUST BE ABLE TO PICK A MINIMUM OF 50 BUSHEL OF CONES PER DAY, PER LIFT.</p> <p>BEAUREGARD SEED ORCHARD WILL PROVIDE THE CRATES FOR COLLECTION OF CONES. SEED ORCHARD PERSONNEL WILL LOAD AND MOVE CRATES.</p> <p>ORCHARD TREES ARE 12-22 YEARS OLD ON 90 ACRES.</p> <p>ALL CONES TO BE PICKED WILL BE GREEN, MATURE PINE CONES IN THEIR SECOND GROWING SEASON AND WILL HAVE A SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF BETWEEN 1.0 & 0.70 WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED BY ASSISTANT CHIEF VAN HICKS.</p> <p>"ONLY GREEN MATURE CONES ARE TO BE PICKED."</p> <p>ALL PICKING WILL BE DONE BY HAND AND CARE WILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID DAMAGE OF ANY OF THE TREES, BRANCHES OR CONES. EVERY TREE THAT IS TO BE HARVESTED WILL</p>	2000	BU		

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	BE MARKED. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VENDOR TO PROVIDE TRAINED LABORERS TO PERFORM THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF CONE PICKING WITH MINIMUM INSTRUCTION FROM AGENCY PERSONNEL. CONSTANT SUPERVISION SHALL NOT BE EXPECTED OR REQUIRED FROM AGENCY PERSONNEL. VENDOR PERFORMANCE ON THIS CONTRACT IS CRUCIAL TO THE ECONOMIC OUTCOME OF THIS HARVEST. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE VENDOR'S PERFORMANCE WILL BE MONITORED THROUGHOUT THE HARVESTING PROCESS. FAILURE TO PERFORM AS REQUIRED, WHEN REQUIRED, WILL BE JUST CAUSE TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT WITH PENALTY. SLASH PINE CONES				
00002	COMMODITY CODE: 964-59-000000 SAME SPECIFICATIONS AS LINE 1 LONGLEAF PINE CONES	2000	BU		
00003	COMMODITY CODE: 964-59-000000 SAME SPECIFICATIONS AS LINE 1 LOBLOLLY PINE CONES CONTACT PERSON: BRAD CLOSE PHONE: (337) 463-5509	2000	BU		